



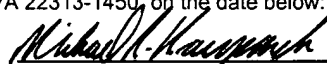
PATENT

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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF A  
TRANSPARENT MOLDED POLYMER ARTICLE FOR  
COLORING WITHOUT DEFECTS AND RESULTING  
ARTICLE

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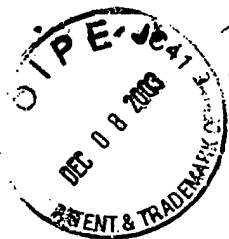
**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. A RESPONSE TO THE  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2003**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement Dated November 6, 2003 for consideration in the above-referenced case.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**A Response to the Restriction Requirement** begins on page 6 of this paper.



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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 09/972,396 entitled "METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF A TRANSPARENT MOLDED POLYMER ARTICLE FOR COLORING WITHOUT DEFECTS AND RESULTING ARTICLE" - Gilles Massey and Jean-Claude Dauguet (Client reference: 616L US 3818)*

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Please find enclosed:

- (1) An Amendment and A Response to the Restriction Requirement Dated November 6, 2003; and
- (2) Return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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